

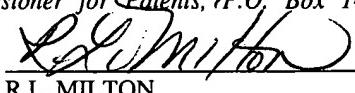
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Applicant : Kristine B. Fuimaono, et al.  
 Application No. : 09/692,494  
 Filed : October 19, 2000  
 Title : IRRIGATION PROBE FOR ABLATION DURING OPEN HEART SURGERY  
 Grp./Div. : 3763  
 Examiner : Cris Loren Rodriguez  
 Docket No. : 39716/AW/W112

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Commissioner:

Enclosed is an amendment to the above-identified application.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Paid For	Number Extra Claims	Small Entity Rate	Large Entity Rate	FEE
Total Claims Fee	45	*56	0	0 x \$9.00	0 x \$18.00	0
Independent Claims	3	** 4	0	0 x \$43.00	0 x \$86.00	0
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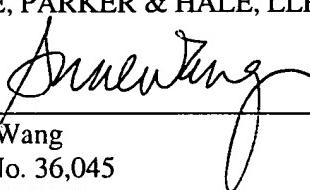
LIST INDEPENDENT CLAIMS: 34, 42 and 64

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by or to give effect to this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. A copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Commissioner:

In response to the Office action of November 18, 2003,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.